

ENGLISHMEN HELD IN MELLON DIVORCE TAKE CASE TO DIX

Will Ask Governor to Refuse
to Honor Requisition From
Pennsylvania.

WILLING TO TESTIFY.

Ready to Return to Pittsburgh,
But Object to Their
Arrest Here.

Extradition papers, arrived to-day from Pittsburgh for Capt. Thomas W. Kirkbride of the British Army Reserve, and his friend, Alfred George Curphey, the London clockmaker named by Andrew W. Mellon, millionaire Pittsburgh banker, as correspondent in his suit for divorce, who were arrested last night as they were sitting down to dinner at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, as fugitives from justice, wanted in Pittsburgh on indictments charging contempt of court and obstructing justice.

After a long wrangle to-day between the opposing lawyers the Englishmen were taken before Judge Mulqueen in Part I. of General Sessions at noon. There County Detective Wagoner, who had just arrived from Pittsburgh with regulations, showed his credentials. The warrants alleged that the two men are fugitives from justice, under indictment for "contempt of court and obstructing justice," a misdemeanor, but punishable under the Pennsylvania laws by as much as two years imprisonment.

On the suggestion of John D. Lindsay, representing the Pittsburgh authorities, and the lawyers for the two Englishmen, the Judge continued the cases until Saturday to give Gov. Dix time to examine the requisition papers. Mr. Miller, of Hornum, Pa., and Mr. Potter, who appeared for the Englishmen, said he was prepared to go with his clients to Albany to argue before the Governor the irregularity of the proceedings. Judge Mulqueen also continued the bond of \$2500 in the case of each of the alleged fugitives, George Curphey, owner of the Hotel Metropole, who went back for their last night, remaining as surety.

Before leaving the Criminal Courts Building Capt. Kirkbride and Mr. Curphey talked freely with an Evening World reporter.

CAME TO AMERICA TO DEFEND
WOMAN'S NAME.

"We did not run away from Pittsburgh to avoid testifying," said Capt. Kirkbride. "We came over to America of our own free will to defend a lady's good name and to secure if we could an apology and retraction from Mr. Mellon for the untrue things he had said of us. We did object, it is true, to the new law which would force a trial in private before a judge. We wanted to be heard by a jury of twelve American citizens. When a summons served handed us subpoenas we did not know we were not free to go to another country or another State. We supposed as in England that one under such circumstances might travel anywhere so long as he remained in the country. So we came here to see our lawyers and were arrested."

"Personally both of us are perfectly willing to return to Pittsburgh and purge ourselves of any contempt, but our attorneys think we should make a fight." Here Mr. Curphey broke in to deny the statements that he knew Mrs. Mellon before her marriage. He and Capt. Kirkbride both agreed that they were first introduced to her at a dinner two years ago in London long after she had separated from her husband. Mr. Curphey, who is owner of valuable mines in South Africa, declared that his behavior toward the lady had always been honorable.

After the arrest of the Englishmen last night they came perilously near leaving to spend the night in the Tombs. Judge Mulqueen finally consented to hear the case, and at the Democratic Club at 1:30 o'clock this morning fixed bail in each case at \$2500.

ARREST IS NEW CHAPTER IN
MELLON DIVORCE.

The arrest of the Englishmen adds another chapter to the involved domestic relations of Banker Mellon, whose famous divorce suit has attracted attention all over this country and England. Mellon married Nora McMullan, daughter of a wealthy brewer of Hertfordshire, England, in 1890, three months after he met her while she and her father were in Pittsburgh on a trip around the world.

At the time of the marriage it was cable news from London that the bride had been in love with Curphey, and her husband named Curphey in his suit for divorce. Last week Curphey and Capt. Kirkbride arrived from England and went to Pittsburgh.

The arrests here last night were made on a telegram received by Inspector Russell from Henry Muth, Chief Detective of Allegheny County, who is under the authority of the Eastern-Agency. Detectives Curry and Haffis of the Central Office took the prisoners immediately to Police Headquarters.

CAME FROM ENGLAND TO
TESTIFY IN SUIT.

Curphey described himself at Headquarters as an Englishman, thirty-nine years old, with no occupation, born in the Isle of Man, and single. Capt. Kirkbride said he was a resident of London, 40 years old, and a captain of reserves in the British Army. Both men said they came to this country expressly to testify in the Mellon case. It is said that Curphey wants to be made a co-defendant as well as a correspondent in the action to insure a jury trial. Mrs. Mellon has asserted that a law recently passed in Pennsylvania making jury trials optional with the judge was inspired by her husband. She appealed to the women of Pennsylvania and to the British authorities for

aid in combating his political influence. Andrew W. Mellon is president of the Mellon National Bank and controls the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh. He is reported to be worth \$5,000,000. He is about fifty-eight and his wife is thirty. In 1903 came the announcement that a separation agreement had been signed by the terms of which Mrs. Mellon was to have the income from a trust fund of \$200,000 and the custody of her two children in alternate years. Incomprehensibly was given as the cause, but the real cause is said to be Mrs. Mellon's refusal to live in Pittsburgh. A year later Mellon filed a suit for divorce, naming Curphey as co-respondent. Mellon wants a trial before a master.

WALL STREET.

This morning's early stock market moved upward on receipt of favorable reports from the crop country. St. Paul and the Hill shares scored a rise of almost one point on reports that weather in the Northwest was cooler and that some sections were enjoying light rains.

Very little change occurred in the afternoon trading. The list pursued a downward course that terminated at bottom prices of the day at closing time. Not losses ran from fractions to over 1 point with Reading, Steel, Lehigh Valley and a number of specialties sustaining the largest declines.

Business was exceedingly light on the reaction.

The Closing Prices.

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Am. Oil Co.	107 1/2	Am. Tobacco	107 1/2
Am. Paper	107 1/2	Am. Tea	107 1/2
Am. Rubber	107 1/2	Am. Wool	107 1/2
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Am. Lumber	107 1/2	Am. Coal	107 1/2
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Am. Lead	107 1/2	Am. Tin	107 1/2
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